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REMARKS

Claims 27-31 and 39 have been cancelled in order to expedite allowance of the instant application. Claims 1-26, 32-38, and 40-47 are now pending in the present application and the application is in condition of timely allowance and issuance.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 27-31 and 39 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bae (Bae et al.; US Patent No. 5,832,387 A) in view of Nystrom (Nystrom et al.; US Patent No. 6,334,058 B1).

Claims 27-31 and 39 have been cancelled and the rejection with respect to those claims is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that claims 1-26, 32-38 and 40-43 are in a position for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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